

HOUSE BILL 733

By Smith

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,
Chapter 14, Part 2, relative to cruelty to animals.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-212, is amended by deleting subsection (a) and substituting instead the following:

(a) A person commits aggravated cruelty to animals when, with no justifiable purpose, the person intentionally or knowingly kills, maims, tortures, crushes, burns, drowns, suffocates, mutilates, starves, or otherwise causes serious physical injury to a companion animal.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-212, is amended by deleting subdivision (b)(1).

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2021, the public welfare requiring it.